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EDITORIAL

Revised Currency Policy

Dollar Crisis: Anxiety Grows In London

Both delegations stressed the Conference had not yet "got down to cases" either as regards British proposals or United States counter-proposals.

tain to encourage a resurgence of overseas remittances—one of the biggest influences on China's export trade. All this can happen if theory is put into practice. This time Nanking cannot permit chicanery and double-crossing. Certainly some confidence is lent to the Government's declaration to correct the chaotic situation by the Chinese banks (including two foreign institutions) as its representatives, and which can, in turn, act in an advisory capacity to the equalisation fund committee. Hongkong is intrigued by the new Nanking policy; not only because it represents a readjusted attitude to a domestic economic problem, but, the latest news is, a new attitude towards the announced new financial and economic agreement between Hongkong and China. It is conceivable that the two are not wholly complementary; that the one tends to unbalance the concessions of the other. Both Hongkong and China have special economic interests to protect and any agreement, though it is intended to produce "mutual benefits" is a delicately poised equilibrium which can easily become unbalanced by the sudden introduction of a new factor.

Malaya Taxation Proposals

JEWISH BOY KILLED BY BULLETS

About the same time, Ellahu Steinman, who was walking along the road near Tel-Aviv, said a vehicle threw up beside him, and two men, whom he believed to be Arabs in European clothes, struck him, apparently with an iron bar. He was not seriously hurt.—Reuter.

SHAKE IT UP, WHITEHALL!

No Hongkong businessmen are in the first group of private traders entering Japan because London has not acted on the list of applicants. Inquiries at the S.T. and I. Department disclosed today.

Approximately 70 Colony residents sought permission to go to the former enemy country with the resumption of private trading. Their names were forwarded to London "some time ago", the S. T. and I. Director said, but no information has been received.

London was to select from the local list the man who would be allowed to go to Japan in the first group. It was thought that the Colony would be allowed 15 of the United Kingdom and Empire quota. Japan was re-opened to limited private trade five days ago. According to press dispatches, the British quota of businessmen permitted to enter with the first group was

LATEST SCORES "IN" FIFTH TEST

England Puts Herself In Winning Position

CLOSE-OF PLAY
The close of play scores were:
England: First innings 427

Washbrook o Fullerton.

Owens	.....	25	2	25	0
Smith	.....	3	0	27	0
South Africa—First Inning	....				302
" " Second	" "				

Newfoundland Forest Fires

Inhabitants in many isolated regions, remembering the disastrous Cloverton fire which practically wiped out the town last year, are now sending an appeal for aid as soon as smoke appears in the vicinity, regardless of whether the danger from the dread forest fire is imminent or not, it was reported.

The forest fires near Pacquet and Lacle were reported to be practically extinguished late this afternoon.—Renter.

Beautiful Girl Ravished And Slain

The authorities notified all prefectures and commissariats, who spread the word. This morning mothers, mothers and lovers trooped through sultry Paris streets to the medico-Legal Institute each in the hope that the girl belonged to him or her. Each left without identification.

ABUSED AGAINST WILL

ne water, about four hours before
ne was found." He said she was
young and beautiful" and had been
ravished and beaten" and her
ody "flooded against the quay right

MINERS BECOME FRUIT PICKERS

Farmers are offering strikers £1 a day as fruit pickers.
The strike has, so far, cost the country 23,000 tons of coal.—Reuter.

T.U.C. Criticism Of Govt's Crisis Plans

The annual report discloses for the first time details of criticism of the Government made by union leaders last spring.

The international section of the report gives a full account of the British union leaders' efforts to restore unity and freedom of the

The report adds that the President of the Board of Trade, Sir Stafford Cripps, gave an assurance that he was aware of these dangers.

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Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

If you are a new reader of this column you have one or two shocks coming to you.

Old readers may have told you that it is a funny column. Don't you believe it. Occasionally it is funny by accident, occasionally by design, but, as a matter of fact, it is one of the few columns in British journalism which is not consistently funny.

Other columns claim to be frank, fearless, outspoken. This column is not only frank, fearless and outspoken. It is downright brutal. It has no finesse. It does not attack people and things with furtive hints and sly innuendoes. It hits them smack in the eye.

Before the war it was hurling insults at Hitler and Mussolini, while certain other columns were praising them.

It could name the columns which praised Hitler and Mussolini. It could look them up on the files and give dates and quotations.

But, on this occasion, it will hold its hand and be merciful. When you start looking things up on files you never know where it will end.

Leaps Down

POLITICALLY, the column sits on the fence, as its name implies, though occasionally it leaps down to take sides.

Although its views are not those of this newspaper, it can express what views it likes, though it normally expresses political opinions only under the stress of great indignation.

Barring libel, indecency, and treason, it has absolute freedom to say what it thinks about anything or anybody. And does.

Sometimes the column is prophetic. Last July, when bread rationing was being criticised, it asked: "What will the critics say if we have the worst harvest in history?" Answering itself, the column replied, "Nothing, if they are wise."

Well, we have had one of the worst harvests in history and the critics, so far, have been wise. The column will leave it at that.

As soon as it could be published after the first atomic bomb was dropped on Japan the column said: "This either means a world government or no world at all."

Almost every statesman on earth has said it since, though each had his own ideas on what form of government it would be. And although statesmen have said it, it is still true.

So there you are, new readers. A column that is fearless, forthright, frank, brutal and even boastful as you can see. It has no inhibitions, as dog worshippers will find out later.

And if there's anything you don't like about it, please don't hesitate to write in. Please don't.

IN RUSSIA TO-DAY—

Young people get key jobs

JACK TANNER

President of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, recently went on a month's tour in Soviet Russia. Here are his answers to points raised in an interview by Anne Kelly.

Women at work

THE Soviet Union lost seven million men in the war. In many light engineering factories today the majority of the workers are women, and even in heavy engineering plants women workers average between 45-50 percent of the total employed.

There are about eight grades of skilled workers, and although we met only one woman in the top grade there are some in Grade Six. Most of them rise to Grade Five after two or three years' training.

Women doing the same work as men receive the same pay.

Training

I WAS very impressed with the industrial training given to boys and girls aged from 15 upwards. Youngsters up to the age of 18 work a six-hour day and a 36-hour week, compared with a normal 48-hour week for adults.

In some factories the youngsters divide their 36-hours between work in the factory and technical training. Opportunities for rapid promotion are abundant, and I was struck by the youth of factory directors and administrative people. I saw none over 50 years of age. Many of them have gone from the factories to the universities and hold high degrees. They certainly know their job.

Production

THEY maintain that production per man-hour is as high and in some cases higher than ours. Whether this is so or not, they are certainly paying much attention to improved output.

Each factory has its production target, and in the factories and plants we visited we saw boards showing monthly production graphs and photographs of Stakhanovite workers who have exceeded the "norm."

There are many women workers among those who display a red pennant on their machines, signifying high output achievements.

Factory workers are proud of their production banners presented by the Government for having exceeded their target. The Government also gave grants for high production. Part of the money is expended on bonus payments to outstanding workers and the rest of it helps to improve institutions belonging to the factory.

I think it would have a good effect on our own production drive if the Government adopted similar schemes in Britain.

Palaces of Culture and Labour

WE have nothing similar in Britain. Many have been completely destroyed or burned out, but they are being rebuilt, and those we saw in Moscow and the Ukraine were beautiful buildings.

In the devastated areas, particularly, where workers are living in shacks and as best they can, they provide the only places for leisure. In addition to well-equipped theatres, concert and lecture halls, all have extensive educational and recreational facilities. Some of the largest have their own cinema.

Children

FACTORY kindergartens and creches are a feature of Soviet industrial life. Accommodation is not yet adequate—one factory employing about 3,000 workers had no accommodation for 120 children—but they certainly look after the children as well as they can.

Get it off your chest and be happy. The column won't take offence—or notice either.

Political party

AS the column seems to be mainly about itself it would, like to point out that it once created a political party.

It was called "A Sock On the Jaw All Round Party" and its aims were as simple as its title: There was only one member—Itself.

As most people at the time appeared to be talking nonsense, this party thought it would clear the air if everybody had a sock on the jaw—women included.

This was one of the few occasions when the column was trying deliberately to be funny (about the British Union of Fascists, if it remembers rightly), but this did not prevent a number of indignant readers writing in calling it a cad and asking it what it did in the last war. This would have been the 1914-18 war.

But the idea of socking people instead of talking to them—or socking them if they won't listen—still persists.

If you can believe everything you read (and most people do) the Negroes of America would like to see Joe Louis, world heavy-weight champion boxer, the next President of the United States.

Already Joe has been presiding at political meetings, designed to arouse sympathy for American Negroes.

He has also been making speeches, or rather one speech of five words, repeated over and over again. It is "Lend a hand to Dixie-land."

Everybody knows that simple and direct oratory has not been appreciated in America since Lincoln's time; and there seems little doubt that if Joe is unable to think of anything else to say, American audiences will get restive. There may even be catcalls. Things may be thrown.

This is where Joe would score over all other orators—if he believes in the political philosophy of a sock on the jaw all round. People would either listen or keep out of his way.

And if he is ever elected President, if Joe is a powerful figure he would become in world politics. And what a man to shake up a peace conference.

"Sign or be socked" would be his motto. "No, no, no" from Molotov would be more of a heart cry than the inevitable refusal to co-operate.

You see how funny the column can be when it tries?

Thumbing its nose

WHEN the column was young it was ruder than it is now. It criticised the hats of the wives of politicians and called the late Ramsay MacDonald "the Dumbbell of Scotland."

This was not the hard, accurate hitting of a grown-up column, but rather the work of a young hooligan thumbing his nose at street corners.

It also made a lot of immature gags about domestic strife, and for one brief, shameful moment thought sausages were funny. It was like a column that had just left school.

But sausages are still funny when the heart is young, before that silly toad sophistication kills honest laughter and turns it into a sneer.

All the same, sausages have never been mentioned since (except the soya bean flour in the wartime sausage), but it still makes gags about domestic strife, though in a different way. Domestic strife is not treated as comedy, but tragedy, which it is.

Every now and then new readers may see the tragedy of the unwanted, inadequate wife as portrayed by the Sparrows, or the tragedy of the dominated, ineffectual husband, as portrayed in The Diary of a Worm.

Occasionally the column becomes bolsterous and rather bery, though by nature it is anything but bolsterous, and never drinks beer because beer makes it feel sick.

These lapses into low comedy are allowed as a friendly gesture to those who prefer low comedy, and are illustrated by imaginary conversations with a real Sweep.

The column regrets that it has sometimes been catty—so catty that people have thought it was written by a woman.

This is not only untrue, but unfair to women. Anybody who is a member of a club for men-only will know that the male can be much more deadly than the female.

Incidentally, it is the only column read by animals who frequently write polite letters to it, airing their grievances.

Atomic age

WELL, that is the past for the benefit of new readers. What is a column to write about today? Today, most of the world seems hushed, with a background of noise in distant America.

Britain, who thinks she saved the world, is mute in the bonds of austerity; Russia, who thinks she saved the world, sits back, enormous, suspicious, watching; and America, who thinks she saved the world, makes one think of a nervous, hysterical girl holding a hand grenade, not knowing when it will go off and not knowing what to do with it.

A similar vision frightened the column during the war, when women wanted to join the Home Guard "and use all the weapons."

And who is going to save the world now, apart from that world government recently mentioned?

Despite the assurances of Uncle Joe Stalin, those who are pathologically nervous of Russia remain pathologically nervous of Russia. And will remain so.

One might add that Russia appears to be pathologically nervous of everybody, always has been and will probably remain so.

But the people who make people nervous are the warriors of Wall-street, the men who fight with tape machines and bonds and big cigars—the Fireside Fusiliers of America.

Maybe the column's nervousness is pathological, by which it means its fear is not based on reason, but is a mental attitude amounting to a disease—but the column doesn't think so.

When it hears that the warriors of Wall-street have suggested that America should attack Russia, it feels sure its fears are based on reason.

It will go further. If there is another war, and if anybody is left alive after it, the next war criminals' trial will not be in Nuremberg, but in New York.

There you are. The column told you that when it hits out at anybody it hits them smack in the eye.

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER

"Another year, Faunteroy, perhaps you will remember that when your Colonel says "Don't dress" he means "Don't dress!"

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

MANY people are asking if this boneless cow meat from New Zealand is real boneless cow. All my inquiries have failed to elicit any relevant information.

I can hardly think that it would be worth while importing bogus boneless cow—and the labour of filleting a real cow would be out of all proportion to whatever I am talking about. As the man said when they brought him what they called beef in a restaurant: "Waiter, cut the cattle, and come to the horses."

On the other hand, it is true that Colonel Dempster, when he was with the Clinton Expedition in New Zealand, did discover a boneless cow in a Wellington ironmonger's shop. It turned out to be two contortionists named, respectively, Entwistle and Farr.

Dr. Rhubarb's corner

H. L. writes: I used to wear a long cardboard nose to amuse the kids. But we have a friend with a very long nose (real), and whenever he comes here, the kids tuck and try to pull it off, thinking it is a cardboard one. What should I do?

Dr. Rhubarb replies: Give your friend a cardboard nose to wear over his real one, so that the children can pull it off.

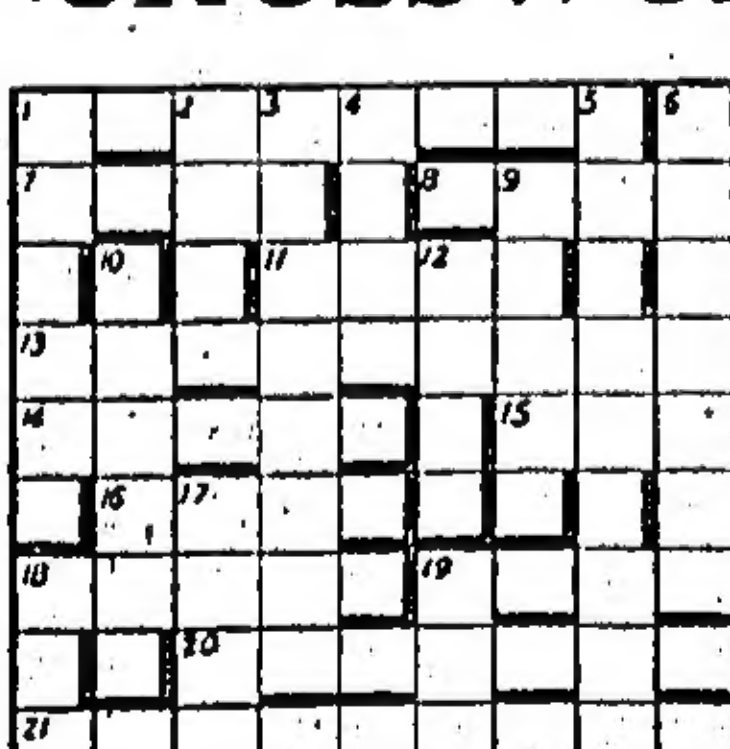
Trivett and Tremendo

EIGHTPENCE is charged to see Stan Trivett in training. Yesterday he said: "Twice round Tremendo will be a quarter of a mile, promenade, deck reckoning."

He assumed a large crowd by running round his sparring partners and cracking them on the back of the head with both fists at once. While confronting the huge Airsittman Mooble, he divided between his legs, and before his opponent could turn to meet the attack from the rear, was round at the front again, rattating on Mooble's astonished face like a mad postman at an old oak door.

Tremendo said last night: "If he gets quite within eight feet of me, he'll be through the ropes faster than round."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



16. Movable habitation. (6)
17. This ball may mean your rejection. (6)
18. A broken will. (4)
19. He's made up of two ones. (7)
20. Crying "e" (anag.). (9)
Downs
1. If you had this you'd only have one arm. (5)
2. Shepherds boy. (4)
3. Mischief. (6)
4. You may call it defeat, but it may be a pack of wolves. (4)
5. The eternal punishment. (6)
6. Swanger. (7)
7. To shakepers it was polite. (5)
8. Nudes. (6)
9. A broken pane. (4)
10. Great difficulty. (4)
11. Mire. (3)
12. A thing of the immediate past. (7)

- Solution of yesterday's puzzle—
Across
1. As arranged or just mixed. (8)
2. Bring up. (4)
3. Jewel & friendly greeting. (4)
4. Band hilly. (4)
5. Sometimes seen working in Tra. (4)
6. Not exceptional. (5)
7. Dusted. (3)
Downs
8. Fuel. (3)
9. Ugh! (3)
10. Ugh! (3)
11. Ugh! (3)
12. Ugh! (3)
13. Ugh! (3)
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20. Ugh! (3)

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STAR SHINE!

Alexis Smith, blonde star of Warner Brothers, wears her hair swept high one day and down the next. It's fun to change your hair style but there is always one way that is the most flattering. Find it by changing until you are satisfied.

News, ideal! Phila tiffeta quilted house shoes are a Glamour Touch! They were named "Brigadoon" in honor of the exciting New York Broadway show.

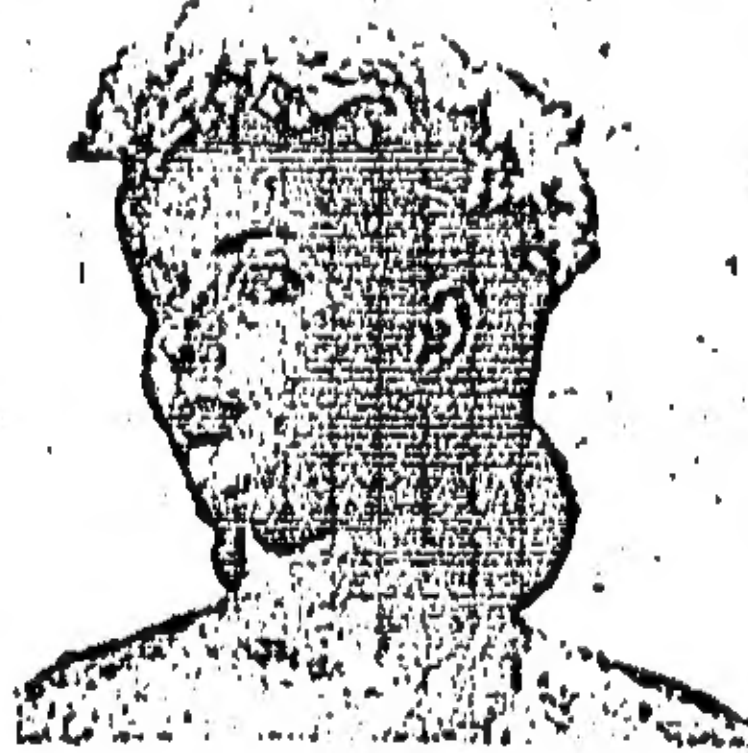
Helen Turpin, hairstylist for Warner Bros studios, recommends thorough brushing of the hair after it has been fingerwaved or pincurled and dried. "Don't be afraid of brushing out the curl," says Miss Turpin, "brushing will enhance the curl rather than destroy it." She prescribed lacquer for Updos, but for hair which is inclined to fly a little, as often happens after shampooing, she recommends applying a little wave lotion, with a toothbrush, after it has been dressed.

Fay Bainter, who has beautiful white hair, says that she has shampooed her hair every day since she was very young. She doesn't like to recommend the idea but it has certainly proved excellent treatment in her own case.

The consensus of opinion seems to be that it isn't difficult to keep your "crowning glory" shining. A good shampoo once a week and plenty of daily brushing will make your hair healthy and healthy hair is beautiful hair.

Joan Crawford has a clothes trick which she recommends. Because suit skirts often sag after much sitting,

Minute Makeups
by GABRIELLE



Wear flowers on your hat for Summer! Spray them with a matching flower fragrance. Then give yourself a flower-like makeup, soft tint to blend with your flowered hat.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"The next time your father buys you a birthday present, I'm going to help him pick it out!"

Missing Link Hunter Announces New Find

Dr Robert Broom, the British Empire's pre-eminent missing link hunter, announced in a letter to a scientific magazine that he had found a new jaw of a man ape apparently about as smart as Pithecanthropus Erectus, the Java ape man.

NEWS FROM WALES

By J. C. GRIFFITH JONES

The ugly refuse tips which deface so many of the South Wales mining valleys may be removed gradually during the next few years. In some areas the coal tips are being cleared by bulldozers and lorries to provide sites for new factories.

The most interesting clearance job, however, is that of being undertaken at Ponilla Colliery, Ystrad Mynach, (Glamorgan). Noted for many improvements in mining technique, the management at this pit, which is the largest in South Wales, is now doing pioneer work by returning refuse to the bottom of the pit. The rubbish from the underground tips on the surface is used in large quantities to "stow" or fill "wastes" underground after the coal is out. Already 500 tons of tip rubbish is being returned each week to the mine.

Mr L. D. Rhydderch, manager of the colliery says: "Shortly we hope to be taking back 1,000 tons a week and eventually to clear the whole tip away."

The scheme is to be copied at other collieries. In time large tracts of ground will be recovered not only for development of new industries but also for public parks and other amenities.

Agricultural Show

The Army rallied to the assistance of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show held at Carmarthen. Beach roads like those used in Normandy were laid connecting all parts of the ground with the extensive showyard. Central attraction of the show was an elaborate practical demonstration of latest methods in milk production, poultry keeping, and crop raising in West Wales.

Princess Elizabeth was the chief guest and made a special inspection of Welsh rural industries with craftsmen at work on their centuries-old trades of hand-weaving, thatching, wood-turning.

There were demonstrations of the adaptation of the old rural crafts to meet modern requirements.

Power Staggered

A tremendous change will take place in the working and social life of Britain next winter as a result of the national scheme to "stagger" the electricity load for industry in order to spread out power supplies.

In Wales some 200 factories will switch over to a two-shift system. Some 40,000 workers will have to take their turn on the night shift, 2 to 10 p.m., for the first time ever.

Transport, shopping and entertainment hours must be reorganised to meet the new conditions in industry. Even collieries and steel and plate works already engaged in continuous production will have some of their processes "staggered". For instance pumping operations at the pits must be spread over 24 hours in future instead of being concentrated as at present during the day.

If the scheme does not save enough power there will be heavier cuts in electrical power for shops, houses, hotels and cafes even than last winter.

TB Death Rate Down

The death rate from tuberculosis in Wales in 1946 was the lowest on record. There were 605 deaths per million of population, compared with 718 in 1945 and 1,508 in 1911. This means that despite severe postwar difficulties the work of the Welsh Memorial Association in preventing and curing the disease is making striking headway.

Celtic Congress

When the Celtic congress met in Dublin, Welsh harp musicians and a Welsh drama company made a big hit.

Welsh delegates persuaded the Congress to support a resolution appealing to the French Government to lift the ban on the teaching of the Breton language in the schools of Brittany. Mover of the resolution was Mr Ambrose Bebb of Bangor, who was for a period a lecturer in Celtic at the University of Paris, and taught several Breton students to speak Welsh. An Irish senator seconded the motion which was carried unanimously by Irish, Scots, Welsh, Breton, and Manx scholars.

Glamorgan Cricket

Rain has ruined several of Glamorgan's chief county cricket games this season. Home match receipts up to the end of July were down over £20,000 compared with last summer. The officials fear there will be a serious financial loss on the season. Of the last eight home matches only one, the game with Worcestershire, at Ebbw Vale, was free from bad weather.

The outstanding features of the Welsh side's playing record are the batting form of Arnold Dyson (four centuries) and Alan Watkins, and the wicket-keeping of Haydn Davies.

The latter, which was published in a recent issue of Nature, said that the jaw was found on June 24 only eight feet from the spot in Transvaal where the skull of an old woman Plesianthropus was discovered.

"This jaw is much too large to have an elderly female skull, and the skull which belongs to this jaw must have been remarkably large," Broom wrote.

"The brain of the female skull was only about 450 cubic centimetres, but the male skull that belonged to this jaw must have had a brain of 600 cubic centimetres or perhaps even 700," he added.

A brain is normally 400 to 1,400 cubic centimetres. One Pithecanthropus skull is estimated to have a capacity of 750 cubic centimetres. A modern man usually has a brain case holding 1,200 to 1,500 cubic centimetres, but in some primitive races, skulls holding only 1,000 cubic centimetres of brains are found.

The 81-year-old Broom wrote from Pretoria: "This jaw seems to have considerable importance on the question of man's origin." He said the shape of the jaw itself was more of a human than an ape.

"The front of the jaw does not slope rapidly backwards as in living anthropoids, but more downwards, giving an appearance not unlike that of the Heidelberg jaw," he said.

Broom said the canine tooth in the jaw had been ground down to the level with other teeth and did not stick out like a fang as with chimpanzees, gorillas and other apes.

"Another interesting point is on the lower part of the front of the jaw. There is a little bony thickening which might be regarded as an incipient chin," he said. "The whole jaw is thus practically a human jaw."

Atomic Bomb Would Wreck Panama Canal

It is learned today that secret tests are under way to determine probable effects of an atomic bomb attack on the Panama Canal, reports United Press.

The disclosure came in a report by the House Sub-Committee which inspected the Canal in March, and was confirmed by an Atomic Energy Commission spokesman.

The Sub-Committee reported that the proposed improvements, costing more than \$21,000,000, would withstand a direct hit from a large conventional bomb but would be demolished by an atomic bomb.

It pointed out that the Canal's waterline is 85 feet above sea level, and an atomic bomb might result in draining the summit of the lake and put the canal out of operation for two to three years. It suggested a sea-level canal which would cost about \$2,800,000,000.

The report did not give the details of the atomic tests on the Canal, but it is presumed that scale models of the locks were subjected to TNT blasts in laboratories with amounts of TNT relative to the size of the lock and the force of an atomic bomb would exert against the full-scale Canal.—United Press.

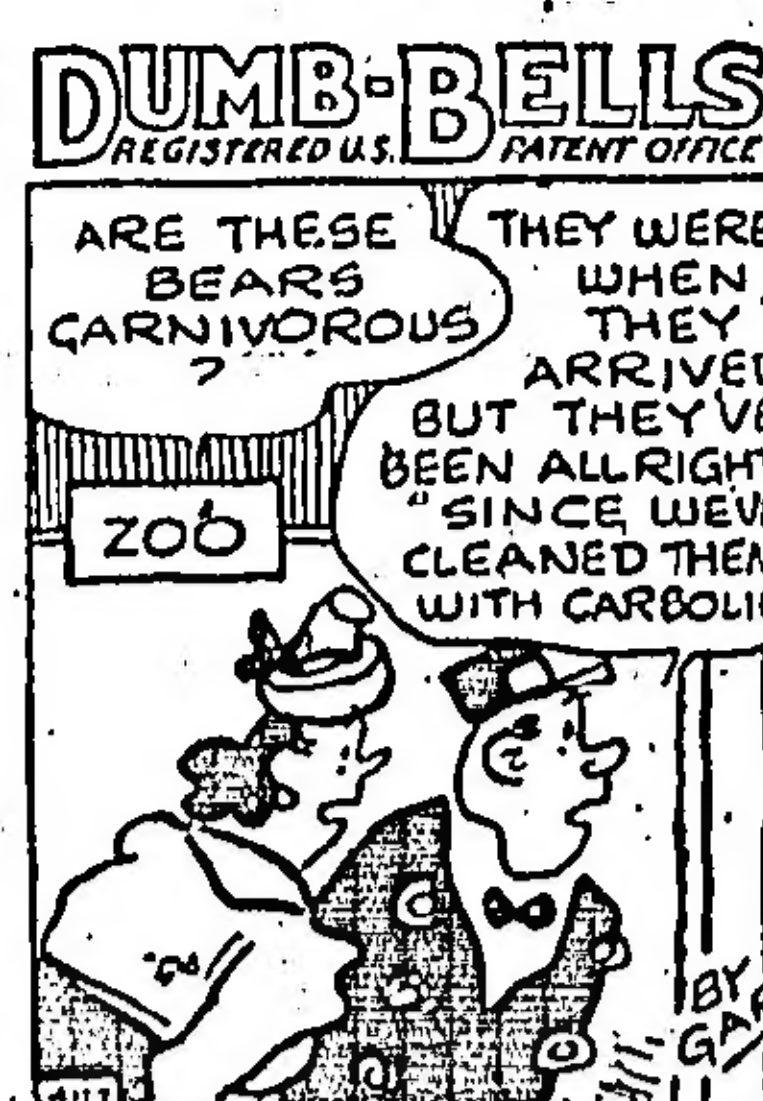
No Execution On Sunday

Alfred Baumann, 45-year-old farmer of Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, was saved—at least temporarily—from death by hanging because of an old Czech law that a man must not be executed on Sunday or a holiday.

He was the last case before the special post-liberation National Court. It convicted him of collaboration and sentenced him to die that same day—Sunday. His counsel appealed against the Sunday execution. It was put off until Monday. But that was a legal holiday, celebrating the anniversary of Czechoslovakia's liberation, and the execution was postponed until Tuesday.

But when he could not be hanged on conviction by the National Court, All National and People's Court jurisdiction had expired the day before. Now he either must be freed—or again tried under the legal ordinary criminal courts of the land.—Associated Press.

Rupert and the Young Imp—49



Huk Leader Said Ready To Give Up

Manila.—Luis Taruc, will-o'-the-wisp Hukbalahap chieftain, wishes to surrender but fears this may be interpreted as a "doublecross" by his own men, who may eventually kill him for "selling them down the river," the United Press learned from a reliable source who prefers to remain unnamed.

The source said Taruc had not sent out any peace feelers for fear that the henchmen whom he sends out to make the surrender negotiations would turn against him.

Although many Huks already are tired of fighting the Government forces, there are still many diehard recruits who would rather be killed than give themselves up to the Government authorities.

The diehards believe in one code—death to the betrayer of the Huk cause, whoever he may be. The source stated that this was what was holding up Taruc, who has no wish to be put on the spot. Taruc, who is still "somewhere in Pampanga," cannot violate this code as he was one of the Huk leaders who framed it.

Hint For Rebels

Meanwhile, Governor Pablo Angeles David of Pampanga sent out emissaries to contact Taruc, but so far without result. Taruc is reported to be able to move from one town to another with the help of disguise and many friends.

MP forces are still hunting Taruc's scattered rebels in the swamps of Candaba, San Luis and Mexico, in Pampanga province. Many Huks are said to have surrendered.

MPs in Nueva Ecija are also ferreting out Huks from various hiding places, and Taruc's forces are said to have now fled to mountain hideouts.

According to reliable Malacanang sources, the net is gradually closing in on Taruc, and the Government hopes to catch the Huk Chieftain "before very long."

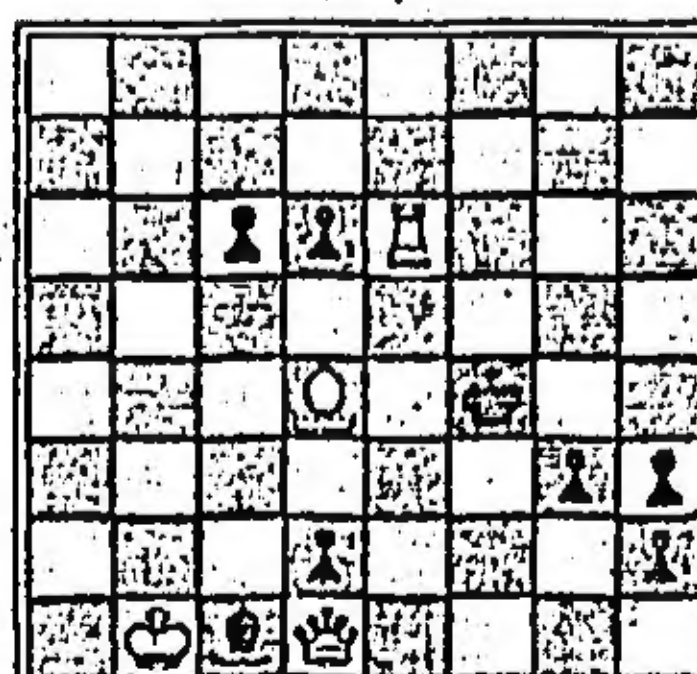
CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. Name the king of Denmark.
2. Where is the Orange Free State.
3. Name the A. P. correspondent who was the first to disclose that Germany had surrendered unconditionally.
4. Where is Muir Glacier?
5. What do the red and white stripes in the American flag represent?
6. For what is Carrara, Italy noted?

(Answers on Page 4)

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. KUBBEL
Black, 8 pieces.



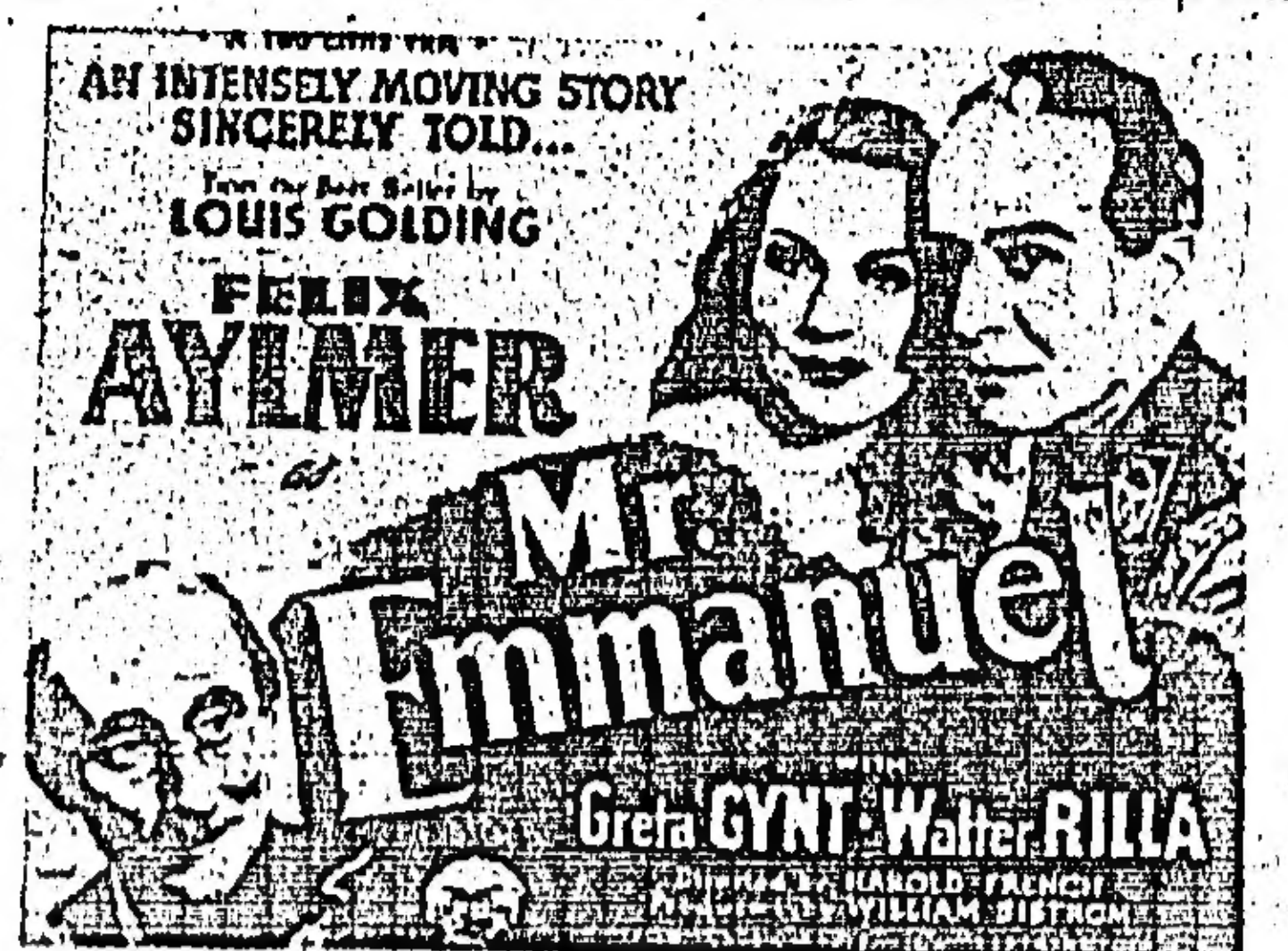
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Results of the survey were issued for the first time recently by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr Wilson).

Other facts of Australian life and death recorded in the survey include:

One man married at 90, and three youths at 15. There were nine brides at 14, and 100 at 15.

Average age for bachelors' weddings was 27, widowers' 51, spinsters 24, and widows 43.

The number of marriages dropped from the wartime peak of 12,011 a thousand in 1942, to 8,021 in 1945. The birthrate was the highest since the end of the First World War.

The number of illegitimate births was a record—7195—although the

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Percentage was slightly lower than in 1944.

The majority of Australians live to over 65 years.

Chief causes of death were: Diseases of the circulatory system, 23,300; of the nervous system, 5,200; respiratory system, 4,000; and accidents, 3,700.

Dutch Forces Reported Approaching Jogjakarta

Batavia, Aug. 19.—A Republican communique announced tonight that Indonesian troops had clashed with Dutch forces on the approaches to Jogjakarta, in the vicinity of Gombong, 16 air miles west of the Republican capital.

Bao Dai Would Be Welcome

Paris, Aug. 19.—The French Colonial Ministry today declined to comment on reports from Hongkong that the ex-Emperor of Annam, Bao Dai, will return to Indo-China.

Unofficial sources close to the Ministry, however, said it appeared highly probable that the French would welcome the return of Bao Dai. It is evident here, however, that they wished to avoid any appearance of setting up the former emperor as a puppet.

"Any movement for his return would have to come from the Annamite people," said one official.—United Press.

PARAGUAY REBEL ARMY FALL BACK

Buenos Aires, Aug. 19.—Gunfire from the rebel forces, which had been continuous during the past week-long assault on Asuncion, the Paraguayan capital, had ceased, and the only insurgents close to the capital here was a group cut off against the Paraguay River, frontier reports said today.

The main rebel force was apparently trying to withdraw, fighting its way across the waterway to the Chaco (west) side of the river.

An outbreak of small-pox among Paraguayan refugees in the Argentine frontier town of Corrientes, where it is estimated that 20,000 refugees from Asuncion are crowded together, caused the authorities to appeal for immediate aid from national health officials, the reports added.

Air mail services with Brazil had been resumed after the Government forces recaptured the military and civil airports at East Asuncion, the Paraguayan Government announced today.—Reuter.

Smuts Is Ill

Pretoria, Aug. 19.—General Jan Smuts, the 77-year-old Union Premier, "is ill," Mrs. Smuts disclosed here today, after she had pressed the button which launched the 28,000-ton Castle liner, Pretoria Castle, 9,000 miles away at a Belfast dockyard.

Explaining why he was not present with her, Mrs. Smuts said: "He is ill. He is kept very busy at the office these days."—Reuter.

Polmanism Founder Dies At 78

London, Aug. 19.—The death of William Joseph Ennever, 78, founder of the memory training system known as Polmanism, was announced today.—Associated Press.

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Showdown On Imperial Preference Imminent

Geneva, Aug. 19.—The future of imperial preference will rank high in the agenda of the talks between William L. Clayton, United States Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, and Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, scheduled to start in London probably on Thursday, United States sources said today.

Ruhr Coal Conference Agreement

Washington, Aug. 19.—The British and American delegates to the Ruhr coal conference here were today reported authoritatively to be in virtual agreement over the establishment of a joint Coal Board to supervise and control Ruhr mining.

The final decision on this is expected to constitute the most important result of the conference, which will complete its work at the end of this week.

The final details remain to be settled, but it is expected that Britain will shortly give final agreement to establishment of such a Board with equal British and United States members.

The main duty of the Board would be to implement the recommendations emerging from the conference. It would take steps to increase distribution of mining supplies, multiply miners' houses, increase transport facilities and maintain better relations with the workers.

Another task of the Board would be to see that the Germans in the Ruhr are given an increased share in the running of the mines.

The Board would be incorporated into the general control scheme of the British and American zones of Germany, and would, for the first time, give the Americans a direct voice in the running of the Ruhr mines.

Authorities here insist that the decision to establish the Board does not necessarily mean the scrapping of British plans for the nationalisation of the industry.

Nevertheless, it is believed by independent observers here to foreshadow an indefinite postponement of these plans, which were under discussion between London and Washington through diplomatic channels.

Recommendations on Anglo-American supervision of the mines and other steps to increase production generally are expected to be publicly announced either this week-end or early next week.—Reuter.

REPATRIATING WAR PRISONERS

Berlin, Aug. 19.—All German prisoners of war in British hands, wherever they are held, will be repatriated not later than the end of 1948 under the Government's present plan, British authorities stated here tonight.

The statement, which was issued to correct "misrepresentation" in certain German papers about the recent announcement of Mr. Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, that British policy, to return at least 15,000 prisoners of war from the United Kingdom monthly and 5,000 a month from the Middle East, continued in addition to the monthly quota of compassionate cases for all zones of Germany.

Mr. Bevin told the House of Commons on August 4 that the retention of these prisoners in Britain was a great advantage even to Germany. "By using German prisoners of war in our own agriculture, we increase the total world supply, which lessens our having to draw so much from abroad and allows more for other people," he declared.—Reuter.

Three people have been injured. Trenches are being dug to check the fire.—Reuter.

Forest Fire In Cologne Area

Hamburg, Aug. 19.—Ten forest fires, raging since Friday, in an old military training area near Cologne, are exploding abandoned war munitions, the German news agency here in the British zone reported tonight.

Three people have been injured. Trenches are being dug to check the fire.—Reuter.

North Italy Strike

Milan, Aug. 19.—A general strike of workers in the province of Varese, one of the most important industrial areas in northern Italy, was called today after employers refused a trade union request for better conditions in the works canteens.—Reuter.

Mr. Clayton, who left Geneva yesterday for Paris, will proceed today to London where he will be joined by Clair Wilcox, acting head of the United States delegation to the Trade and Employment Conference in Geneva.

It is understood that Mr. Clayton will urge the United Kingdom to make concessions for a reduction of imperial preference with a view to eventual gradual dismantling of the system.

Informed sources say that Clayton will not ask for abandonment of imperial preference "overnight."

United States sources indicated today that the delegation was highly dissatisfied with the United Kingdom's attitude in Geneva on the whole issue of imperial preference, and that a showdown was imminent as the tariff negotiations were reaching a decisive stage.

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Greek Army Beat Back Raiders

Athens, Aug. 19.—Police and military sources reported that up to a thousand guerrillas were driven back into their Mount Vermion hide-out early today after the band raided Naoussa, southwest of Salonika.

The Communists, it is reported, prepared the way for the attack by infiltrating into the town several days ago and sabotaging police headquarters and town hall buildings.

Two guerrillas were reported killed and three wounded.

The Naoussa attack was the highlight of sporadic attacks in Northern Greece, where the Greek Air Force landed troops in quelling lightning guerrilla raids on Stratoula and the villages of Areeda and Promachon.

The military authorities reported that 200 guerrillas battled four hours with Greek Army troops yesterday before being driven from Mesorion, near Florina, with five guerrillas killed.

In another encounter at Mount Pelion, in the Volos area of South Thessaly the guerrillas lost 23 killed, 35 wounded and eight others captured.

The military court sitting at Kozani passed death sentences, followed by immediate execution, on 11 guerrillas who participated in the large-scale action at Grevena a month ago.

The military court martial at Corinth sentenced to death nine Communists and EAM members charged with sabotage and assassination. It was learned today that 28 others were given prison terms ranging from 10 to 20 years, and 15 more were exiled to surrounding islands.—United Press.

REST OF THE SPORT

Big Names Involved In "Flying Finn" Case

Stockholm, Aug. 19.—The case of the "Flying Finn," Viljo Heino, who was reported to have been suspended for a breach of amateur rules, involves more big names in amateur sport following a Scandinavian press probe.

Dagens Nyheter, one of the biggest Swedish newspapers, said today the former Secretary of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, Bo Ekeland of Sweden, was in possession of documents condemning Heino as long ago as August last year when the European championships were held at Oslo.

The Journal said these papers were handed over when Ekeland left the post of Secretary of the IAAF and now are in the possession of the present secretary, E. J. Holt of England. It suggested that Dr. Urho Kekkonen also had information at that time which would explain his resignation from the post of chairman of the Finnish Athletic Association when Heino's case was brought up before the Finnish Association Board.—United Press.

SING TAO'S FIRST CAME London, Aug. 19.—Dr. Cheng Tien-hai, Chinese Ambassador, will watch the opening match between Sing Tao of Hongkong and Dulwich Hamlet on Saturday.

The Hamlet team will be the same as that which won the Surrey Senior Cup last season. They are four times winners of the Amateur Football Association Cup.—Reuter.

CYCLE MARATHON Belgrade, Aug. 19.—The first Belgrade to Budapest cycle marathon since the war started here today. Thirty Yugoslav and Hungarian cyclists are competing in the race, which will take two days.

The competitors are accompanied by a motor convoy carrying spare parts and food.—Reuter.

INDIANS BEATEN Brookline, Mass., Aug. 19.—India's Davis Cup bid, Sumant Misra and

RENEWED IRGUN THREATS

Vienna, Aug. 19.—The publishers of the American-sponsored German language newspaper, Wiener Kurier, received a letter today, purportedly signed by the Irgun command in Austria, taking credit for the bombing and derailment of a British leave train a week ago.

The letter, which was written in the form of a communique, did not mention recent telephone threats against American installations and Austrian property in the United States sector of Vienna.

The letter, written in German, said: "On Monday, August 4, 1947, soldiers of the Jewish national military organization attacked the officers' quarters of the British High Command in Vienna."

"On Tuesday, August 12, 1947, soldiers of the organization attacked a British leave train on its way through the British occupation zone of Austria, in the neighbourhood of Mallnitz."

One bomb exploded at Mallnitz, derailing several cars but causing slight injuries to only one passenger.

The communication also said: "The British command in Austria carries out a policy of hatred, directed against homeless Jews who are on their way to Palestine and Mediterranean ports, and this is the way of repaying them."

The note concluded: "Soldiers of the Irgun Zvai Leumi within the country and abroad will fight until our country will be liberated and our people delivered, and the God of Israel will help us."

The American military authorities disclosed that renewed threats of violence against American military personnel and installations in Austria had been received during the day. The authorities would not disclose the objectives named by the alleged Irgunists.—United Press.

Dollar Crisis: Anxiety Grows

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The alternative method would be to block part of the sterling proceeds of current transactions. Either method would reduce imports.

This is an inappropriate moment for any devaluation, and devaluation of sterling in isolation would be dangerous. When the inflationary pressure has been overcome, and there is danger of an inevitable reaction, general devaluation if desirable may be appropriate, but the time has not come yet.

Chances of an early assistance direct from the United States Government are becoming slimmer. With the United States Government's approval, the International Monetary Fund might be able to provide substantial assistance.

If the disequilibrium is temporary, the country can use the Fund's resources but cannot devalue. If fundamental, it can devalue but cannot use the Fund's resources. Britain has not yet a fundamental disequilibrium in the sense of unduly high costs.—Reuter.

OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcels close 30 minutes before the ordinary mail. If mail closes before 10 a.m., registered and parcels will close 15 minutes previous day.

Wednesday, August 20
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.
Shanghai (Sea) 3 p.m.
Japan (ordinary letters & cards only) (Sea) 3 p.m.
Amoy (Sea) 3 p.m.
Macao, Macassar, Surabaya & Batavia (Sea) 3 p.m.
Macao, Tainan, Shekai & Kongsmoon (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.
Manila, P.I. (Air) 3:30 p.m.
Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking (Air) 3:30 p.m.
Canton, Luchow and Kuning (Air) 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 21
Swatow and Amoy (Air) 10 a.m.
Canton (Train) 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Honolulu, USA, Central & South America and Canada via San Francisco (No parcels for Canada) (Sea) 10 a.m.
Saloon (Sea) 10 a.m.
Macao, Tainan & Shekai (Sea) 11 a.m.
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.
Shanghai (Sea) 3 p.m.
Canton, B.H.M. 3 p.m.
USA, Central & South America and Canada via San Francisco (No parcels for Canada) (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland (Air) 3:30 p.m.
Canton and Shanghai (Air) 3:30 p.m.
Japan (ordinary letters & cards only) (Sea) 3 p.m.

Friday, August 22
Amoy, Foochow and Tainan (Formosa) (Air) 9:30 a.m.
Canton (Train) 9 a.m.
Straits (Sea) 10 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok (Sea) 10 a.m.
Ceylon, Bombay, East & South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Liverpool (Sea) 10 a.m.
Manila, P.I. (Air) 10 a.m.

TO-DAY'S BROADCAST

ZBW Hongkong broadcasting on a frequency of 848 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2 p.m. and 6.30 to 11 p.m. on 5.22 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 7.30 to 8.30 and 9.15 to 10 p.m.

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Answers

1. Frederick IX succeeded Christian X, who died April 20, 1947. 2. In South Africa. 3. Edward Kennedy. 4. In Alaska. 5. The 13 Original Colonies. 6. For its marble.